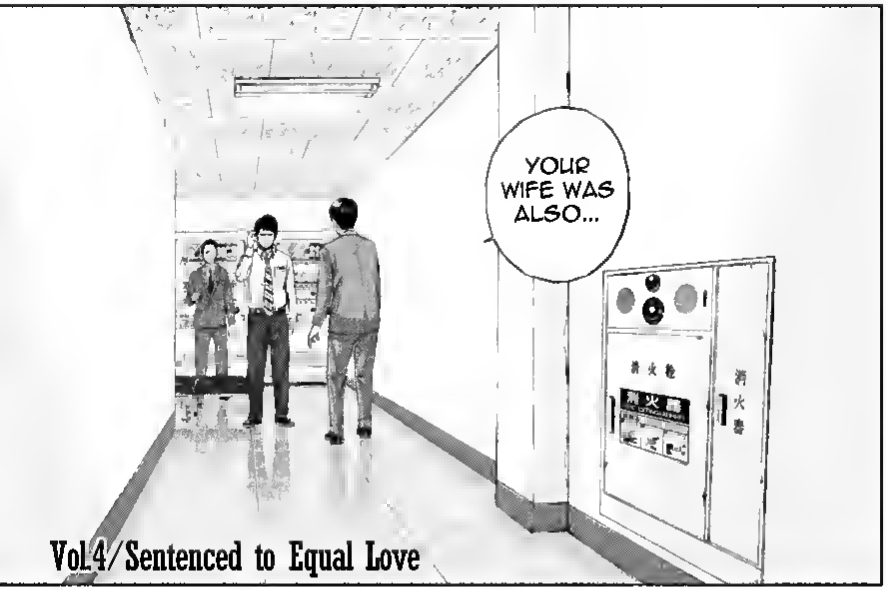
YOUR WIFE WAS ALSO...
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.....
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.

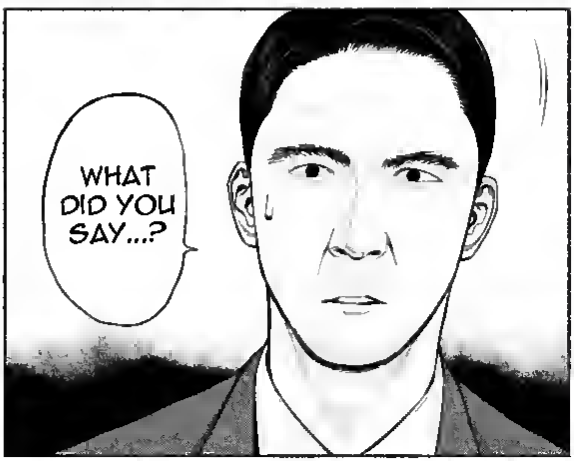
...ON THAT JURY ...?

ARE YOU SURE, SAWA-MURA?

IS SHE AT HOME?!
WE MUST SEND A OFFICER TO--!
THE NUMBER YOU ARE TRYING TO CALL CANNOT BE REACHED AT THIS TIME
----
SERI-OUSLY?!
NOW?!
REDIAL
Haruka
BEEP
.....
WHAT?
NO... THAT'S, ER...
I HAVEN'T BEEN IN CONTACT WITH HER...
CLICK
CLICK

I DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE IS... RIGHT NOW
BRRRING...
A WEEK AGO, SHE TOOK THE KID AND LEFT...

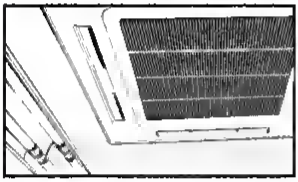
THE NUMBER YOU ARE TRYING TO CALL--
C'MON! ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
DAMN!!

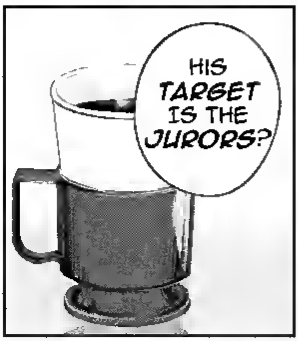

WHAT DID YOU SAY...?

I-I'LL COME WITH YOU!!

THANKS, BUT THERE'D BE NO POINT IN YOU COMIN' TOO.

I...
...AM GONNA GO TELL THE CHIEF.




HIS TARGET IS THE JURORS?

TAP
SHIT!

HMM... I SEE... WELL, FIRST LET'S--
BAM
WE DON'T HAVE ANY-THING MORE DETAILED TO GO ON?
YOU SURE THERE ISN'T SOME KIND OF ERROR?
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE.
WE'VE GOTTA GET MORE GUYS ON THIS CASE, PRONTO
JUST AN-OTHER CARE-LESS MISTAKE BY INFO MANAGE-MENT.
I THINK WE SHOULD KEEP THIS FROM THE MEDIA.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
WHAT'S WITH YOU...?!
CHIEF... I NEED TO SPEAK WITH YOU.

THE "GIRL IN THE RESIN" MURDER CASE... THE ACCUSED WAS OHASHI SHIGERU.
*GIRL IN THE RESIN MURDER
*CASE REFERENCE ROOM
CLICK CLICK
THE DEFENSE ALWAYS CLAIMED INNOCENCE, BUT THE JURY FOUND HIM GUILTY AND HE WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH.
THEY IMMEDIATELY TRIED TO APPEAL, BUT OHASHI WAS SO SHOCKED BY THE NEWS THAT HIS ALREADY-UNSTABLE MENTAL CONDITION RAPIDLY DETERIORATED.
THIS BIZARRE MURDER WAS ALL OVER THE NEWS AT THE TIME... A YOUNG GIRL'S REMAINS FOUND HARDENED WITHIN A CRYSTAL RESIN, LIKE A SPECIMIN. THE CASE WAS KNOWN WORLD-WIDE...

HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE PSYCHIATRIC WARD, WHERE HE THEN HUNG HIMSELF...
BY THE TIME THEY SUBMITTED HIS APPEAL, HE WAS ALREADY DEAD.
...YEAH. THAT'S SEEMS TO PROBABLY BE WHAT HAPPENED...
...SO THEN, THOSE TWO "VIGILANTE MURDERS" WERE REVENGE BY SOMEONE CLOSE TO OHASHI.
REVENGE AGAINST THE JURY WHO GAVE HIM THE DEATH PENALTY, CAUSING HIM TO HANG HIMSELF.
SENTENCED TO BOIL FOOD
TICKED TO KNOW YOUR MOTHER'S P
THE PERP IS HANDING DOWN HIS OWN PUNISHMENT THROUGH THESE MURDERS...
.....

SHAA--H

I HOPE THE SARGENT'S WIFE AND KID ARE OKAY...

小泉

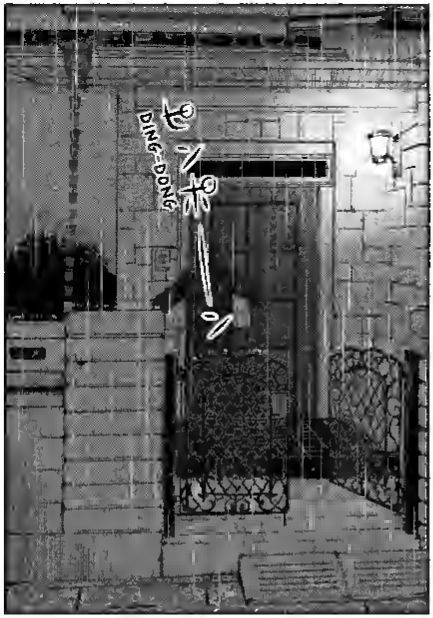
*KOIZUMI

WE STILL HAVE NO NEW INFOR-MATION ON THE THE JUOGE WHO SUDDENLY DISSAPEARED A MONTH AGO.
小泉 勤さん
Koizumi Tsutomu
NOW, ONTO THE NEXT STORY.
未だ消息つかめず
Still missing

SNIFF...
Cunni lingus

.....
Cunni lingus

THE POLICE HAVE NOT FOUND ANY LEADS ON HIS WHEREABOUTS, BUT DO NOT THINK HE WOULD HAVE DISSAPEARED OF HIS OWN FREE WILL.
DADDY'S ON THE NEWS AGAIN
Cunni lingus

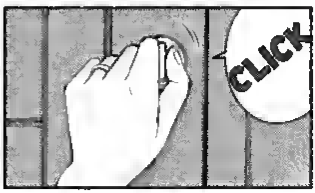

ピンポン
DING-DONG

DON'T WORRY, EMI.
PAT

DADDY... I'M SURE HE'LL BE HOME SOON... OKAY?
SO MANY PEOPLE ARE HELPING LOOK FOR HIM!
MOMMY...
Cunni lingus

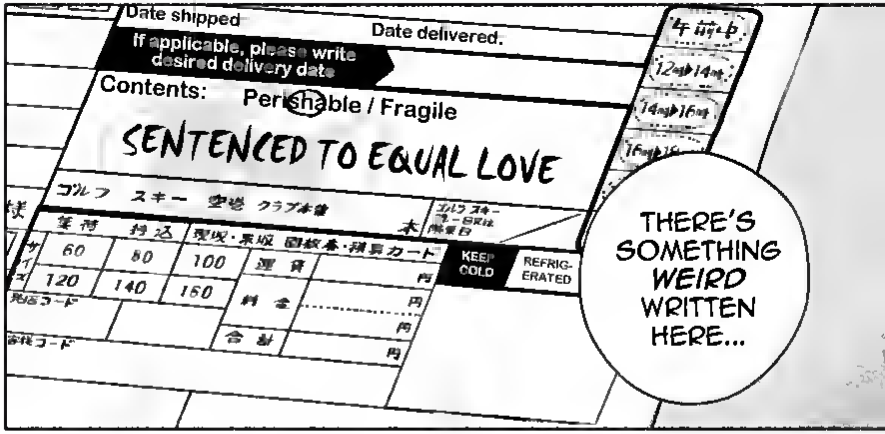
ガチャ
CLACK

ピンポン
DING DONG
COMING!


CLICK

A PACKAGE FOR YOU.
HANDLE WITH CARE
THIS SIDE UP

HAVE A GOOD EVENING, NOW...
SORRY YOU HAD TO BE OUT IN THIS KIND OF WEATHER...
SIGN HERE
NO, NO, IT'S NO PROBLEM.
THUNK
CLACK
THERE'S NO SENDER OR RETURN ADDRESS
Cunni
THE POSTMAN...?
YEAH..
CLICK
IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING PRETTY *HEAVY*... WHO COULD IT BE FROM?
OH DEAR, REALLY?
...YEAH.
..BUT WHAT IN THE WORLD COULD IT BE?



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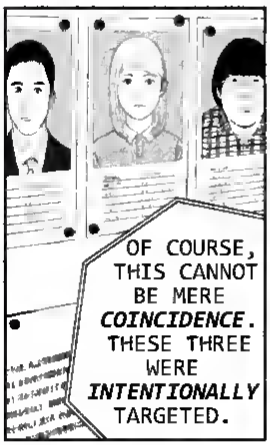
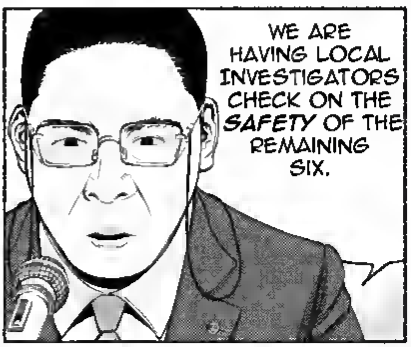
*SIGN: HEADQUARTERS FOR THE SERIAL JUROR MURDERS INVESTIGATION

*QUICK LOWDOWN ON THE JAPANESE JUDICIAL SYSTEM: WHAT I REFER TO AS "JURORS" HERE ARE TECHNICALLY "LAY JUDGES," THOUGH THEIR GENERAL ROLES ARE BASICALLY THE SAME. A JAPANESE COURT PANEL CONSISTS OF 6 RANDOMLY-SELECTED CITIZEN LAY JUDGES AND 3 PROFESSIONAL JUDGES, WHO ALL GET AN EQUAL VOTE.

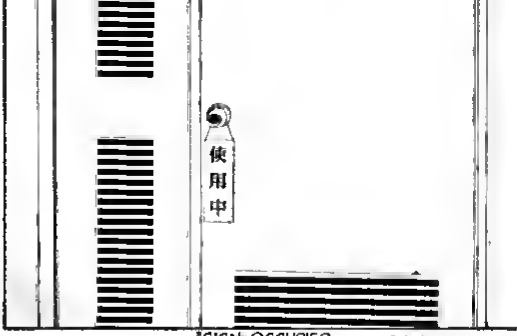
IT ALSO INCLUDES *DETAILS* OF THE TRIAL, INCLUDING THAT THE DEFENDANT WAS FOUND *GUILTY* BY A 6 TO 3 MARGIN. THE SIX CITIZEN JURORS PLUS THE THREE JUDGES GIVE US *NINE* NAMES.
THE *DOCUMENTS* YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU PROVIDE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE *JURORS* WHO TOOK PART IN THE "GIRL IN THE RESIN" MURDER TRIAL, HELD *FEBRUARY* OF THIS YEAR.





WE CAN'T MAKE ANY CONCLUSIONS, BUT WE CAN ASSUME IT LIKELY THAT THIS IS *RETALIATION* ON THE PART OF SOMEONE WHO *KNEW* THE DEFENDANT.
AT THIS STAGE, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE HAVE TO GO ON IS THAT THESE *THREE* WHO WERE TARGETED ALL VOTED *FOR* THE DEATH PENALTY...
WELL, AT PRESENT WE DO NOT KNOW HOW THE PERP GOT HIS HANDS ON THIS *CONFIDENTIAL* INFORMATION.
JUDGE KOIZUMI TSUTOMU, MISSING.
UEHARA AKEMI, ALSO MURDERED.
IN THAT CASE, THOSE WHO WOULD BE TARGETED ARE...
TSUTSUMI YUUICHI, MURDERED.
SERVICE SECTOR MANAGER MAYA TSUNEHIKO.
JUDGE SATOUCHI AYAKO.

--IN ADDITION, THE FINAL NAME I LISTED, SAWAMURA HARUKA, IS THE *WIFE* OF OUR VERY OWN SARGENT SAWAMURA HISASHI.
HER WHEREABOUTS ARE CURRENTLY *UNKNOWN*, BUT A POLICE SEARCH IS QUICKLY BEING MOBILIZED...
AND STAY-AT-HOME MOTHER SAWAMURA HARUKA... THESE ARE THE SIX NAMES OF RELEVANCE.
CHATTER
SAWAMURA'S WIFE...?
...ARE YOU SERIOUS?
CHATTER
CHATTER
.....

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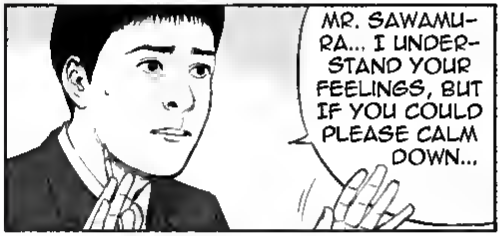
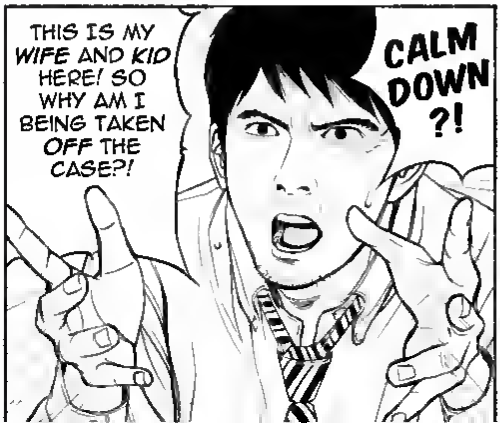
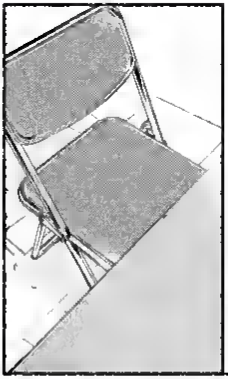




GOD DAMN IT!
I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW THIS.
ORDERS FROM THE GUYS UPSTAIRS. IT'S ONLY BECAUSE *PERSONAL FEELINGS* CAN GET IN THE WAY OF AN ORDERLY INVESTI-GATION.
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT THEY WERE *WEAR-ING*... AT THE TIME?
---ANYWAY, SHE LEFT YOUR HOUSE ON THE *THIRD* OF THIS MONTH?
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I SAID!
C'MON SHOTA, LET'S GET YOUR SHOES ON.
HEY. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

HEY, HARUKA...
I'VE MADE UP MY MIND...
THE TWO OF US ARE GOING TO LIVE ON OUR OWN...
...WHAT? QUIT JOKING AROUND
WHY WOULD YOU... SO SUDDENLY...
SNIFF...
THIS WHOLE TIME ALL YOU'VE DONE IS TRAMPLE ON OUR FEELINGS
.... SUDDENLY?
.....
.... THAT'S ....

CLUNK
AL-RIGHT... LET'S GO, SHOTA.
HICC...
HICC...
.....
YOU MIGHT BE GREAT AT BEING A POLICE MAN...
H--
...HEY! WAIT.
BUT YOU'RE A FAILURE AS A FATHER...



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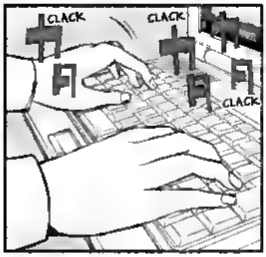
WHERE DID YOU TWO GO...?

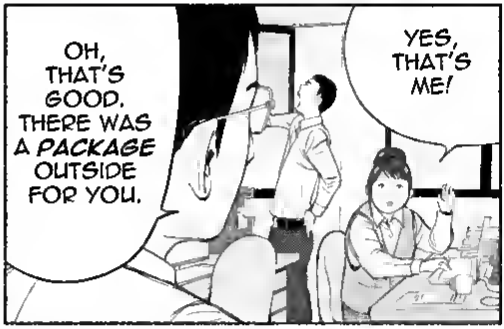
SHIVER
FUCK OFF...
.....
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
HARUKA... SHOTA...
I SWEAR I'LL FIND YOU...!
CLATTER
ROLL ROLL
THERE'S NO WAY THAT WOULD HAPPEN!!
BAM

'SCUSE ME! IS MS. YAMA-KAWA STILL HERE?
DEBU

Wishing you two eternal happiness together
Congrats, Yuuji


CLACK
CLACK
CLACK

A PACK-AGE FOR ME...? ...AT WORK?


OH, THAT'S GOOD. THERE WAS A PACKAGE OUTSIDE FOR YOU.
YES, THAT'S ME!

I WON-DER WHO IT'S FROM ...?

YEAH... IT'S NO PROBLEM. BUT... IT SURE IS BIG.
I WENT AHEAD AND SIGNED FOR YOU, I HOPE THAT'S OK.

HUP!
THUNK

...EQUAL? ...LOVE...?
...OH DEAR, THAT'S KINDA CREEPY
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY CLUE WHO SENT IT?
I JUST NOTICED ON MY WAY HERE, BUT THERE'S NO RETURN ADDRESS.
applicable, please write
desired delivery date
ts: Fragile / Perishable
TENCED TO EQUAL LOVE
NO... NOT AT ALL.
OPEN
...HUH?
...OH, SURE...
MAYBE IT'S A SURPRISE?
HOW ABOUT WE OPEN IT TOGETHER?
SRRIP
IT'S REALLY HEAVY, BUT THE BOX IS MARKED "PERISHABLE."
IF IT'S FRUIT WILL YOU GIVE ME SOME?

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